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Applicant:	Becker <i>et al.</i>	§	Group Unit:	Not yet assigned
Title:	Formulations Comprising Antisense Nucleotides to Connexins	§	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to accompany the U.S. National Phase filing of PCT/GB00/00238, international filing date January 27, 2000, with priority claims to January 27, 1999 (New Zealand 333928) and October 7, 1999 (New Zealand 500190). This Amendment substitutes the claims to be examined and presents the Sequence Listing. Applicants respectfully request that the Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified Application be entered as contained herein.

In the claims:

In this patent application, please consider under prosecution claims 1-42 wherein amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10-13, 15-17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 30 are entered as contained herein. Please add claims 37-42. Claims 37-42 are added to comply with U.S. format and do not add new matter. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following claims.

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